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H. R. 3562

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security to establish a program to permit Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers to be trained to participate in the Federal air marshal program as volunteers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2001

Mr. ACKERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Volunteer Sky Marshal
5 Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN**
2 **FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL PROGRAM.**

3 Section 44917 of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) INCLUSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-
6 CERS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary may
8 establish a program to permit Federal, State, and
9 local law enforcement officers to be trained to par-
10 ticipate in the Federal air marshal program as vol-
11 unteers.

12 “(2) TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.—
13 Participants in the volunteer program shall be sub-
14 ject to the same training and background checks as
15 marshals in the Federal air marshal program.

16 “(3) IDENTIFICATION.—Each participant in the
17 volunteer program established under this subsection
18 shall carry a card issued by the Under Secretary
19 identifying the participant as a volunteer member of
20 the Federal air marshal program.

21 “(4) AUTHORITY TO CARRY WEAPONS.—The
22 Under Secretary may permit a participant in the
23 volunteer program to carry, on an aircraft in which
24 the participant is otherwise traveling, a weapon of a
25 type that the Under Secretary determines, by regu-
26 lation, is appropriate.

1 “(5) SPECIAL RULES.—Under the volunteer
2 program, the Under Secretary shall—

3 “(A) establish a schedule of flights for par-
4 ticipants in the program to serve as a Federal
5 air marshal on flights of air carriers in inter-
6 state air transportation and intrastate air
7 transportation and notify such participant in
8 advance of the participant’s schedule; and

9 “(B) require an air carrier to provide—

10 “(i) seating for a law enforcement of-
11 ficer participating in the program on any
12 flight of the air carrier when such officer,
13 is scheduled to serve and, is serving as an
14 air marshal in the program without regard
15 to the availability of seats and at no cost
16 to the United States Government or the of-
17 ficer; and

18 “(ii) in any case in which the air car-
19 rier has a frequent flyer program, mileage
20 under such frequent flyer program, to the
21 officer for such flight.”.

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